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Sent: 7/20/2022 1:03:24 PM
To: Walker, Russell [RWalker@nas.edu]
CC: Smith, Jennifer [Smith.Jennifer.L@epa.gov]; Rangel, Jorge [Rangel.Jorge@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Follow-Up---RE: Pending MOD for DOTO_68HERC19D0011_68HERC20F0314
Attachments: Attach 1 NAS PWS Amend (EPA response)cleaner.docx

Good Morning and thank you. As discussed during our last meeting, please consider a timeline/breakout of work that can be completed under the current TO funding and period of performance; separating tasks for potential new TO breakout. We need to clean the existing order up the best we can because it has gone thru several PoP and COVID-19 delay modification requests:

-As awarded TO 68HERC19D0011, the original order PoP ran from 6/30/2020-5/31/2022.

-P00002 extended the PoP thru 11/30/2022 with impacts of COVID as the supporting rationale-

Reason for P00002 Modification: Other Administrative Action - BIALTERAL NO COST POP EXTENSION
-NAS requested extension by six months to 11/30/22, at no additional cost to EPA. Initial planning could not anticipate the extent of disruption that COVID-19 would have on the schedule of project activities. More time was required for the committee to carry out its planned information-gathering activities (such as, arranging for presentations from individuals within and outside of EPA) and the lack of in-person meetings has impeded the ability of the committee to deliberate and complete its draft report.

The additional time is needed to ensure that the committee can finish its information-gathering activities, draft a full report, and complete the National Academies report review process. Then the prepublication version and final published version of the committee's report are to be prepared and disseminated.

Period Of Performance End Date changed from 31-MAY-22 to 30-NOV-22

-Current P00003 mod prepared with an additional 6mnths at no cost, running thru 3/31/2023 and NAS informally proposed further extension and additional cost-

Reason for P00003 Modification: No COST PoP Extension and Supplemental Agreement for work within scope (see attached PWS amend). Due to the ongoing pandemic environment delays, a PoP extension is needed to complete the report after the workshop takes place (end of Nov 22). The supplemental agreement for work is within scope and in line with the original PWS to NAS, "anticipated scientific and technological advances, and their potential impacts on ORD and its capacity to provide timely research to inform Agency priorities". Analyzing the EPA's Title 42 hiring authority is an important facet to the success of the Agency's mission.

Period Of Performance End Date changed from 30-NOV-22 to 31-MAR-23

Thank you,

Andrea

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Good morning Andie,

We have the attached as the latest revision of the PWS. See you at 1.

Russ

From: Dehne, Andrea <dehne.andrea@epa.gov>
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Good Morning,

Quick follow-up on this one from our discussions. We really need to work to resolve ASAP. Please provide a quick status and/or we can setup a meeting to further discuss.

Thank you,

Andie

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Ok, please get back to me on this PWS when you get a chance.

Russ, if those are the official clarification request to that solicitation do you want to send them to Andie? Please let me know.

Thanks

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From: Duke, Clifford <CDuke@nas.edu>

Sent: Thursday, July 7, 2022 8:33 AM

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Jorge,

Yes, our comments are in reference to 68HERC22R0228 (BASE)

Cliff

From: Rangel, Jorge <Rangel.Jorge@epa.gov>

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Russ, Cliff and Ray,

It was brought to my attention that the comments you provided do not seem to correspond to the PWS that the Task Order listed above belongs with. I have attached it again to this email. Is it possible that you referenced a different award?

Please get back to me.

Thanks

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From: Wassel, Ray <RWassel@nas.edu>

Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 6:16 PM

To: Walker, Russell <RWalker@nas.edu>; Duke, Clifford <CDuke@nas.edu>

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Russ,

My responses to Jorge's questions/comments are shown in blue.

--Ray

- *Subtask 1.1* says 60 days prior to the date of the science meeting, EPA would provide us with the scientific/review topics to be discussed at the science meeting. How many days ahead is good for you? That would not likely be enough time to find the right people who would be available on the date of the meeting, interview them for potential conflicts, and discuss their potential involvement in the science meeting with EPA. In addition, it would be helpful to know at what point the date of the science-meeting will be established.

Response: 90 days would be more feasible than 60 days and consistent with the number of days specified in the previous PWS for this kind of activity.

- *Subtask 1.4* says "This meeting is expected to be conducted virtually via webinar." The word "expected" indicates a final decision has not yet been made as to whether the meeting would be virtual or in-person. I can ask but my feeling is that the reference is due to COVID (Probably) I'll ask if their preference has changed. Was your estimates based on "IN PERSON" meetings? In the past, we were expected to arrange for and cover the travel costs of experts to attend an in-person meeting. We need clarification on whether our cost estimate should include travel costs. Did you not include travel costs with your last submittal?

Response: Our previous submittal included travel costs (transportation, lodging, and logistical support) in case the experts were to participate in person. However, it seems that ORD folks have developed a firm preference to hold these kinds of meetings entirely via the Internet.

- *Subtask 1.5 Comment Compilation* Does the wording mean that we should provide EPA with any slides or visuals that the experts show at the meeting? I'll ask about this Or, does the wording mean that we should provide written summaries of the input each expert provided orally at the meeting? Need clarification.

Response: Previously, Academies staff suggested to the invited experts that they prepare a slide or two to summarize their key remarks and the slides were to be submitted to EPA, but slides were not required. We did not ask the experts to prepare any written submittals in addition to their visual aids. And Academies staff did not prepare any written summaries of the input provided by the experts.

- *VIII. Deliverables:*

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Response: If the chart is expected to be generic (without delivery dates), perhaps it can be characterized as a template.

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Cliff, Ray,

See questions in from Jorge Rangel in red below. Please reply to all. Thanks.

Russ

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Russ,

I'll reach out to the folks here to get you clarifications. If you can address my thoughts before I send them forward it would help[a bit. See my comments in RED below.

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Hi Jorge,

Our tech folks have some questions/issues – pasted below. Let me know if we need to set up a meeting.

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Hi Russ,

Thanks for taking the time to chat this morning. Much appreciated.

I’ve attached the PWS we discussed. Most of the comments you had inserted have been resolved (accepted). The few that remain from EPA request a detailed timeline for the performance of the required work and the corresponding costs for each step of the timeline. Once we get that information from you we can address the current end date of the task order and work on issuing a follow-on award for completion of any remaining work.

Let us know if you have any questions.

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